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 MARCH 26, 1973
 MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY
 THE WASHINGTON POST
 NORTH VIETNAM AND THE U.S. REMAIN DEADLOCKED OVER CONDITIONS
 FOR THE FINAL RELEASE OF U.S. POWS. PRESIDENT NIXON YESTERDAY
 ORDERED U.S. FORCES REMAINING IN VIETNAM TO STAY UNTIL ALL AMER-
 ICANS -- INCLUDING THOSE IN LAOS -- ARE RELEASED. THE U.S. JMC
 DELEGATION NOTIFIED THE COMMUNIST SIDE THAT UNTIL THESE CONDI-
 TIONS ARE MET, THE FOUR-PARTY COMMISSION WILL NOT CEASE FUNCTION-
 ING. (LATE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS QUOTE THE PATHET LAO NEWS AGENCY
 AS SAYING THE PATHET LAO IS READY TO FREE U.S. MILITARY AND CIVIL-
 IAN PERSONNEL "AT ANY DATE.") (A-1)
 SOURCES IN OTTAWA STATE THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WAS MISLED
 BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT INTO BELIEVING THAT THE SIGNING OF THE
 PARIS AGREEMENT HINGED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON CANADIAN ACCEPTANCE
 OF A PEACE-KEEPING ROLE IN VIETNAM. THIS MISLEADING INFORMATION
 PUT TREMENDOUS MORAL PRESSURE ON CANADA AND FORCED THE TRUDEAU
 GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A RELUCTANT COMMITMENT TO THE ICCS. THIS IN
 TURN HAS IMMENSELY COMPLICATED CANADA'S DECISION ON A PULLOUT
 FROM THE ICCS. (A-1)
 FROM SEOUL, DON OBERDORFER WRITES THAT AFTER MONTHS OF PREPARA-
 TION, THE FACE-TO-FACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH
 KOREA ARE SERIOUSLY BOGGED DOWN. WHILE THERE IS NO SIGN THAT
 THE TALKS WILL BE BROKEN OFF, THERE IS ALSO NO SIGN OF FORWARD
 MOVEMENT TOWARD CONCRETE AGREEMENTS. NEITHER THE POLITICAL
 LEVEL DISCUSSIONS THAT TOOK PLACE IN PYONGYANG A WEEK AGO NOR
 THE RED CROSS DISCUSSIONS PRODUCED A GLIMMER OF AGREEMENT ON
 MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE. NEITHER HAS PRODUCED EVEN AS MUCH AS A

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RESPONSIBILITY OF AN INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM AND, ULTIMATELY, THE VIETNAMESE THEMSELVES. THE END OF DIRECT U.S. INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM SHOULD BE FIRMLY PROCLAIMED. (A-38)
 THE BALTIMORE SUN
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS QUOTES CHINESE SOURCES AS SAYING THAT BREZHNEV WILL VISIT THE U.S. IN JUNE. THE U.S. EMBASSY IN

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MOSCOW SAID IT DID NOT KNOW THE DATES OF THE BREZHNEV VISIT AND THE SOVIETS REFUSED COMMENT. (A-2)
 FIRST CONTACTS BETWEEN THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNISTS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE TALKS HAVE REACHED AN APPARENT DEADLOCK. MOST OF THE COMMUNIST CONDITIONS FOR BEGINNING THE TALKS HAVE BEEN REFUSED, INCLUDING THE DEMAND THAT LON NOL AND HIS ASSOCIATES NOT PARTICIPATE. AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING THE CAMBODIANS TO KEEP THE DIALOG GOING WITH THE COMMUNISTS. (A-6)
 THE U.S. HAS ADVISED LON NOL TO LIFT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE TOUGH EMERGENCY MEASURES INSTITUTED FOLLOWING THE BOMBING OF HIS PALACE. THE U.S. HAS WARNED THE PRESIDENT THAT HIS IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW MAY FURTHER ERODE ALREADY DWINDLING POPULAR SUPPORT. AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.S. POINTEDLY HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT WASHINGTON "IS NOT MARRIED" TO AND CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO GIVE MORAL SUPPORT TO AN OVERLY REPRESSIVE REGIME. (A-6)

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